Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 21 Sep 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 22 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 20 Sep 2023 at 16:52 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday until Saturday. Low for extent of any persistent rain on Sunday and Monday.

Headline for Thursday 21 Sep 2023: Cold and windy with showers, driest in the east

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 21 Sep 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light rain	Cloudy	Light rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Thursday 21 Sep 2023

Weather: A mostly cloudy day with a few scattered showers, best of the drier weather across Upper Deeside, the more eastern Angus ranges and the Ochils.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%, best chance in the sheltered east

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud between 750 and 900 metres, lowest bases west across the Perthshire hills. Excellent visibility outside of cloud and rain.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	47/57 SW	47/58 SW	46/58 SW	46/58 SW	41/53 SW	34/45 SW	30/39 SW	26/33 SW	24/30 SW
900	34/44 SW	33/44 SW	33/44 SW	34/46 SW	31/43 SW	26/36 SW	22/30 SW	18/26 SW	17/23 SW
600	24/41 SW	24/41 SW	23/41 SW	24/42 SW	23/41 SW	19/33 SW	15/28 SW	14/25 SW	13/22 SW
300	12/29 SW	13/31 SW	14/32 SW	16/33 SW	17/35 SW	14/28 SW	11/23 SW	8/19 SW	8/18 SW
Glen	12/28 SW	13/28 SW	13/28 SW	16/31 SW	17/33 SW	13/27 SW	10/22 SW	7/17 SW	7/17 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4
900	4/-3	4/-3	4/-3	5/-2	6/-1	5/-0	5/-0	4/-0	4/-0
600	6/2	6/1	6/1	7/2	8/4	8/4	7/4	7/3	7/3
300	9/6	8/5	8/5	10/7	11/8	11/8	10/8	9/7	9/7
Glen	9/6	9/6	9/6	11/8	12/9	12/10	11/9	10/8	9/7
Freezing Level*	1500m	1500m	1500m	1600m	1700m	1700m	1700m	1700m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Severe gale, or storm force on the very highest tops, southwesterly winds will lead to a risk of being blown over along with slow progress. Notable wind chill on the higher tops.

Forecast for Friday 22 Sep 2023

Weather: A cold and often cloudy day with scattered showers, these tending to die away through the evening. Any showers in the evening will turn wintry across the higher tops.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly average speeds of 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph, and nearer to 50 mph across the higher tops of the southern Cairngorms

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, best chance across the Ochils and the Angus hills. The southern Cairngorms may be more prone to low cloud

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of low cloud between 750 and 900 metres, otherwise excellent visibility outside of cloud

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to 14 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius, falling to plus 2 Celsius later
Freezing level: Above summits, falling to 1200 metres later in the day

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